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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1908.

New Daily Paper to Be Launched at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Dec. 11.—Articles for a new daily paper at Lincoln were filed with the secretary of state today. The new paper is to be known as the Daily Tribune and the incorporators are C. W. Pool of Tecumseh, a member of the next legislature, J. F. Murphy of Lincoln, Henry Hempel of Lincoln and Homer Moore of Sterling. Hempel is president of the company and Murphy secretary. Mr. Murphy said Friday that nothing had been done toward getting the paper started beyond incorporating, but that the incorporators propose to go ahead and market the stock at once. The amount of capital stock to be issued is \$100,000. Mr. Murphy said the paper wouldn't have any pronounced politics but would lean toward the democracy—World-Herald.

J. C. Northrop has been called by his company, the C. & N. W., to go upon the road and check over the new tariff rates to go into effect the first of the year as we understand it. His territory assigned him is west of Longpine. We don't know of any man more popular with the people to put out to do this work, and sometimes we think that efficiency or good service don't count much or Mr. Northrop would have been given a better job long ago. A good man sometimes may be appreciated if those directly over him are not straining every nerve to get up higher or to hold their own. We think that an official could best serve his company by recommending the good men who come under his observation. Well, if this is a permanent jump for Jim, his friends will rejoice. Jim deserves some of the good things and will prove himself worthy.

A son of P. Whitney who has long been connected with the C. & N. W. on right of way or land department, was here last week trying to satisfy claims against the company for the proposed change of the main line from Thacher to Valentine. The bartering has not been thus far effective and no sale has been reported to us, though we understand that the company expects to begin unloading material soon for the construction work which it is supposed will begin early in the spring. The company also expects to locate the stock yards in the west part of town and may purchase land for this purpose of Frank Fischer. Additional sidetracks will be needed and Valentine will probably be more prominent as a station. Why not a division?

Mahara's minstrels, a colored troupe of 25 people, with their special railroad car, will be at Church's opera house Monday, Dec. 21. The troupe carries an excellent band and orchestra and the vocal and instrumental music is very fine. The minstrels have an excellent reputation.

Pocket Knives and Sissors at the Red Front.

Taken Up
by the undersigned at my place two miles south of Britt, Neb., on Dec. 15, 1908, one three-year-old roan mare, branded half diamond C C on right hip.
JOHN RYSCION.

U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week ending Dec. 15.

Daily mean temperature 32°. Normal 26°. Highest 49°, lowest 14°. Precipitation 0.03 of an inch. Total precipitation from March 1st (the crop season) to date was 17.91 inches and the average for same period for 20 years is 21.02.

Keen Kutter Skates at the Red Front.

Eat at the "Ranchers' Home," meals 25 cents. Lunches a specialty. J. BRADSHAW, Prop.

Wanted—150 head of cattle to feed this winter, nine miles southwest of Arabia. E. D. TRYON, 49-6 Woodlake, Neb.

Dr. Meehan, osteopath, will be at the Donohoe hotel on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week after Christmas. Consultation free. Chronic disorders yield to osteopathy when other methods fail. 49 2

Dr. Warrick, the specialist, late of New York Eye and Ear Hospital, will meet eye, ear, nose and throat patients and those needing glass (properly fitted) at the Chicago hotel in Valentine Tuesday, Dec. 22nd. Regular trips. 482

The D. of H. lodge held their election of officers Monday evening and elected the following officers: Mrs. Lottie Ward, C. of H.; Mrs. Clara Yeast, L. of H.; Mrs. Ada Northrop, C. of C.; Mrs. Mary Quigley, Recorder; Mrs. Fannie Robinson, Fiancier; Mrs. Dora Rice, Receiver; Mrs. Lillie Archer, Usher.

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G. K. Sawyer has charge of these cattle. If seen on left shoulder. Some on left side. Horses same left thigh. Range on Snake river.

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Cattle branded on any part of animal, also the following brands: [Logos] horses branded the same. Range between Gordon on the E. E. & M. V. R. Road.

Hearings on M. R. R. in Northwestern Nebr. BART, ETT. RICHARDS, Ellsworth, Nebr.

Contest Notice.

U. S. Land Office, Broken Bow, Nebraska, December 2, 1908. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Walter W. Tester, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 3758, made June 29, 1904, for one, two, sec. section 27, 1/4, sec. 28, sec. 29, section 27, 1/4, township 26, range 34, by David H. Sweeney contestee, in which it is alleged that said claimant has never resided upon or cultivated or improved said tract for more than six months last past; that he has wholly abandoned same, and that claimant maintains a residence elsewhere than said tract; that all the above alleged defects exist at this date and have not been cured. Said parties are hereby notified to appear at a hearing on the above affidavit at the office of the U. S. Commissioner, Mullen, Nebr., and that the final hearing will be held at Broken Bow, Mo., on January 22, 1909. The contestee is directed to file a copy of the original and a copy of the affidavit with the U. S. Commissioner at Broken Bow, Mo., on or before January 22, 1909. The contestee is further notified that in proper all such affidavits on or after January 22, 1909, shall show that the contestant has personally visited the tract, cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given in due and proper publication.

Labor Commissioner Ryder Submits Report on Mortgages.

Says Many Million Acres of Land May Be Brought Under Cultivation by Irrigation—Agricultural Resources of State.

Lincoln, Dec. 16.—Commissioner John J. Ryder of the department of labor has just completed a report on the amount of farm and city realty mortgages filed during 1907. In 1907 there were 16,555 farm mortgages filed, involving capital to the amount of \$36,422,075 and for the same period there were released 17,590 mortgages of the value of \$126,357,391.

During the same year 12,426 mortgages were filed on city property, involving \$13,255,930. 11,014 were released, indicating a capital of \$9,887,562. The rates of interest on city mortgages ranged from 6 to 10 per cent and on farm loans from 5 to 10 per cent.

Mr. Ryder's report shows that of the 50,000,000 acres of farm land in Nebraska, 35,000,000 comprises deed land, indicating that the state has a 35,000,000-acre farm. Of this amount, only 2,175,773 acres were under cultivation last year, according to assessors, and this gives some idea of the possibilities of the undeveloped agricultural resources of the state. Although many million acres will always be devoted to stock raising, the labor commissioner still believes many million acres of arable land may be brought under cultivation by the use of irrigation.

AWARDS AT THE CORN SHOW.

Nebraska Boy Wins Junior First Prize at Omaha Exposition.

Omaha, Dec. 11.—Some of the highest awards on Nebraska corn were made public by the judges of the National Corn exposition and Lee Smith and son of De Soto, Aye brothers of Blair, Milo Binsall of Fairbury, Neb.; Harry Seltz of De Soto, W. W. Bell of Auburn and Miss Anna Martin of Du Bois were among those who won the principal prizes on Nebraska corn so far as the lists had been completed. As the result of years of instruction under the tutelage of his father and his grandfather, the famous "Corn" Smith, Lee Smith, Jr., of De Soto, has swept the state, country and world in the ten-year junior competitions.

Young Smith is but thirteen years old and yet his ten ears were so wonderful that most of the judges agree had he been an adult his exhibit would have won first prize under L. B. Clore's first. As it is, he captures over \$500 in premiums and prizes.

Another feature of the clean sweep made by the Nebraska lad is that his father, Lee Smith, wins second prize for ten ears in the grand sweepstakes, second to Clore of Indiana.

The Iowa student team won the \$1,000 trophy offered by the National Grain Dealers' association for judging competition, with Kansas second.

New Game Bird Thrives.

Lincoln, Dec. 16.—Reports are being received at the office of Game Warden Carter to the effect that the 3,000 Hungarian partridges which were planted in Nebraska a year ago are doing remarkably well. Captain Fuller, a banker of Merriam, who bought eight pair a year ago, wrote Carter that in his immediate neighborhood there were now at least 100. Around Gordon the reports received are to the effect that the foreign birds are as plentiful as quail used to be.

Nebraska Orators Win.

Lincoln, Dec. 12.—Nebraska's three debaters—J. E. Bednar, R. W. Bates and Dean Driscoll—were awarded the decision over S. M. Thompson, R. B. Frizzell and J. C. Herbstman, representing Illinois university, in the oratorical contest held at memorial hall of the University of Nebraska. Nebraska had the affirmative of the question favoring a commission form of municipal government. Governor Sheldon acted as presiding officer.

Adams Mad Dog Scare.

Adams, Neb., Dec. 12.—A dog with a pronounced case of rabies ran rampant in the streets and in consequence the city marshal has killed from five to nine dogs and still the slaughter goes on. There were some very narrow escapes. George Southard put an end to the dog, and a conservative estimate is that twenty people were bitten.

Kelley Discharged From Custody.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 16.—William Kelley, recently arrested by government authorities charged with the robbery of a mail pouch, has been discharged, the government being unable to produce evidence connecting him with the theft.

No Successor to Sullivan Named.

Lincoln, Dec. 16.—No successor to Judge J. J. Sullivan will be appointed until after the holidays. This statement was made by Governor Sheldon in reply to a query as to whether he had decided on a man to fill the one-year term.

Kills Without Felonious Intent.

Tekamah, Neb., Dec. 12.—At the inquest held at Deatur over the body of Lester Ball, who was killed in a row there, the jury returned the verdict that Ball came to his death by blows inflicted, without felonious intent, by Nicholas N. Ferrara.

DAVIS NOT GUILTY.

Acquitted on Charge of Murdering Dr. Rustin at Omaha.

Omaha, Dec. 11.—By returning a verdict of not guilty after thirteen hours of deliberation the jury in the Charles E. Davis case freed Davis from the charge of murdering Dr. Frederick Rustin on the morning of Sept. 2 and left the death of Dr. Rustin involved in as deep a mystery as it was the morning he was found dying on his front porch.

Davis, the defendant, apparently was the least concerned of those in the court room. Less than two hours after he had been acquitted of a capital offense he was at work unconcernedly at his place in the ladies department at the First National bank.

While the verdict leaves the mystery unsolved, jurors who discussed the trend of the debate in the jury room declared it was not the opinion of the jurors that Abbie Rice could have committed the crime. The principal theory among the jurors was that Dr. Rustin committed suicide. The absence of evidence that Davis was in the neighborhood of the Rustin home at the time the shooting was done was a weighty fact in the minds of some of the jurors. He was last seen at 11 o'clock, according to the evidence a block and a half from the Rustin place, four hours before the shooting.

STATE NEARLY OUT OF DEBT.

Treasurer Brian Recommends Change in Taxation System.

Lincoln, Dec. 12.—A revolution in the taxation system in Nebraska is recommended by State Treasurer Brian in his annual report. He believes the corporations should pay all the running expenses of the state government and that the taxation in counties should be sufficient only to support the county government.

Treasurer Brian says that the state debt has been reduced \$1,198,000 during the past two years leaving the debt only \$718,750. The treasurer figures that on this basis the state will be entirely out of debt July 21, 1909.

Mexican Trophy Admitted Free.

Omaha, Dec. 15.—Following an extensive telegraphic correspondence between the local customs officials and the authorities at Washington, the \$1,500 trophy offered by Senor Dominguez of the Mexican government to the best qualified team of student judges at the National Corn exposition, has been admitted duty free. Colonel Barrows, the local collector of the port, was enabled to deliver it to the corn exposition after receiving permission from the treasury department at Washington. It already has been awarded to the Ames (Ia.) Agricultural college judging team.

Lincoln Lawyer in Trouble.

Holdrege, Neb., Dec. 14.—Lafe Burnett, a Lincoln lawyer, and Mrs. Wilson, wife of the sheriff, are under arrest here. The man was sent to jail and the woman taken to a hospital. Mrs. Wilson was recently discharged from the state insane asylum and with Burnett had been settling up an estate she received from a former husband. Wilson came here and will file a complaint against the lawyer, who, Wilson declares, undertook to secure a large part of the fortune his wife received after the death of her first husband.

Report of State Auditor.

Lincoln, Dec. 15.—The biennial report of the state auditor has just been issued. It shows that bonds to the value of \$2,201,685 were recorded during the year. Of this amount \$750,000 was issued by counties and \$280,500 by cities, villages and towns. The remainder of \$1,131,685 was issued by school districts. Much of the aggregate amount is in refunding bonds and in a majority of cases does not indicate an increased indebtedness. A large majority of the bonds issued by school districts was for the construction of new buildings.

Three Complaints Against Congdon.

Wilcox, Neb., Dec. 14.—Henry Congdon, who has had three wives, is the object of three complaints which have just been filed against him. One is filed by wife No. 1, living in Michigan, who seeks to secure possession of their two-year-old child which she says he is keeping in custody without warrant of law. The second complaint is filed by his second wife, who charges adultery. To make Congdon's cup of woe deeper a complaint for illegal liquor selling has just been filed against him.

Brilliant Function at Omaha.

Omaha, Dec. 15.—Seldom has Omaha seen a more brilliant affair than the ball given last night by the officers of Fort Omaha and Fort Crook in honor of Generals Carter and Merriam. The affair was not only brilliant because of the dazzling array of uniforms and buttons, but by reason of the very exclusive character of the guests who were invited to be present. The ball was held at a local hotel and the arrangements were most elaborate.

Five Burglaries at Holdrege.

Holdrege, Neb., Dec. 15.—Five burglaries in one night is the record for this town. The reward the burglars received was small, the aggregate being less than \$25, and officers followed them to Minden the following day, where they lost the trail.

Money for Public Schools.

Lincoln, Dec. 14.—The semi-annual school apportionment to be sent out this week amounts to \$267,132.91. The apportionment is made on a basis of .72198 per pupil, there being 369,996 children of school age in the state.

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